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1. It is reported that the political strength of General Manuel Odría, Minister of Government and Police, is waning, and that the support of the Army is gradually shifting to General Federico Hurtado, Inspector General of the Peruvian Army. The pro-Hurtado movement appears to be increasingly important, and various sources report that if a military cabinet were forced upon the President at this time, the most likely candidate for cabinet president would be Hurtado.
2. Negotiations between the groups of Aprista and independent Senators have temporarily collapsed, each side blaming the other for the failure to agree upon a way to end the present parliamentary impasse. However, feelers toward renewed negotiations are reported to have since been extended.

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